GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AUDIT OBSERVATION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.1158 on November 27, 2000 regarding Audit Observations and state:

(a) the details of progress made in the settlement of audit observation;

(b) whether the Government are not replying to the various audit observations as brought out in the CAG Report No.12 of 2002;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the replies to the audit observations would be given?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b) C&AG has included 1099 cases in Report No.12 of 2002, out of which Ministry has already replied in 638 cases to C&AG of India. Remaining cases are being examined with reference to their correctness, tax effect or otherwise as the case may be, in the field formations and in the Ministry.
(c) These audit observations are essentially on direct taxes assessments made by the income-tax Commissionerates spread all over the country. The process of generation of audit observations and their settlement is a continuous one. To clear audit observations, field units have since been instructed to settle the cases on priority. Targets have also been fixed by the CBDT to settle these cases. The progress of settlement is monitored at the senior levels in the Ministry.
(d) By the end of the current financial year (2002-2003), replies to the remaining audit observations would be given to the C& AG of India.